

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications method for establishing a connection ~~with~~ between a mobile device of a participant and a destination number, comprising:

in a first step, sending a message ~~including a destination number~~ from the mobile device to a callback computer, the message including the destination number and information which requests a call from the mobile device to the destination number in order to establish said connection between said mobile device and said destination number; and

in a second step, establishing a said connection by the callback computer between said mobile device of the participant and said destination number, wherein: the ~~establishing~~ second step includes:

~~calling the mobile device by the callback computer,~~

checking, before establishment of said connection, a remaining credit of said participant ~~is checked~~ in a prepaid module connected to the callback computer,

calling said mobile device by said callback computer, and

calling said destination number by said callback computer, thereby establishing said connection between said mobile device and said destination number, ~~is established~~ only if the remaining credit exceeds a predetermined amount.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The telecommunications method according to claim 1, wherein:

said prepaid module calculates a remaining airtime with the aid of at least one tariff table, and

said prepaid module transmits the remaining airtime to said callback computer.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The telecommunications method according to claim 2, wherein said prepaid module calculates said remaining airtime on the basis of an indication of location of said participant stored in a database.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The telecommunications method according to claim 3, wherein said database is a home location register of a home public land mobile network of said participant and the indication of location is a visitor location register address of said participant.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The telecommunications method according to claim 1, wherein said connection is truncated by said callback computer if the remaining credit of said participant has run out.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The telecommunications method according to claim 1, wherein:

said mobile device is a GSM device, and

said message is at least one of an unstructured supplementary services data message or a short message.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A system for establishing a connection ~~with~~ between a mobile device of a participant and destination number, wherein the system is configured to receive a message and to identify the participant who has sent the ~~short~~ message, the system comprising:

a callback computer configured to establish a said connection between said mobile device of said participant and a the destination number indicated in said message by at least calling the mobile device after the participant transmits the message to the system, the message including said destination number and information which requests a call from the mobile device to the destination number in order to establish said connection between said participant and said destination number; and

a prepaid module connected to said callback computer and configured to store a prepaid amount for at least certain participants, wherein said prepaid module contains at least one tariff table configured to be used to calculate a remaining airtime associated with the said participant, and

wherein said callback computer is configured to call said destination number thereby establishing said connection only if said remaining airtime is sufficient to establish said connection.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 7, wherein said prepaid module is connected to a home location register of the system via a mobile application part interface.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 7, wherein the prepaid module is configured to:

calculate the remaining airtime of said participant on the basis of indications of location of said participant stored in a home location register of the system and with the aid of said tariff table, and

transmit the remaining airtime to said callback computer.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 7, wherein:
said mobile device is a GSM device, and
said message is at least one of a short message or an unstructured supplementary services data message.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 7, further comprising:
a home location register configured to receive the message and to store a location indication associated with the participant; and
an interface module configured to receive the message from the home location register, and to transmit the destination number, a call number of the participant, and the location indication to the prepaid module.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 11, wherein:
the interface module is configured to access the home location register ~~by means of~~
with a mobile application part protocol via a SS7 signaling system, and
said message is an unstructured supplementary services data message.

Claims 13 (Previously Presented): The telecommunications method of claim 1, wherein the message includes a prefix in addition to the destination number, the prefix identifying a special service.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 7, wherein the message includes a prefix in addition to the destination number, the prefix identifying a special service.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The telecommunication method of claim 1, wherein said information includes instructions for the call back computer.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 7, wherein said information includes instructions for the call back computer.

Claim 17 (New): The telecommunication method of claim 1, wherein said second step of establishing said connection between said mobile device and said destination number further comprises:

transferring to said prepaid module said message with said destination number, and a mobile subscriber number for said participant.

Claim 18 (New): The telecommunication method of claim 17, further comprising transferring to said prepaid module a location indication for said participant, and

wherein said checking said remaining credit of said participant comprises taking into consideration said location indication for said participant.

Claim 19 (New): The telecommunication method of claim 17, wherein said prepaid module passes on said remaining credit of said participant to said callback computer, and said callback computer compares said remaining credit to said predetermined amount.

Claim 20 (New): The telecommunication method of claim 17, wherein said prepaid module passes on said remaining credit of said participant to said callback computer, and said callback computer passes on said remaining credit to said participant.

Claim 21 (New): The telecommunication method of claim 17, wherein said prepaid module decides that said remaining credit of said participant exceeds said predetermined amount and that said connection can be established.

Claim 22 (New): The telecommunication method of claim 17, wherein said step of calling the mobile device by the callback computer comprises:

transmitting said mobile subscriber number of said participant from said callback computer to a mobile switching center.

Claim 23 (New): The telecommunication method of claim 22, wherein said step of calling the mobile device by the callback computer further comprises:

transmitting said mobile subscriber number of said participant from said mobile switching center to a home location register.

Claim 24 (New): The telecommunication method of claim 23, wherein said step of calling the mobile device by the callback computer further comprises:

transmitting a number from the home location register to said mobile switching center.

Claim 25 (New): The telecommunication method of claim 24, wherein said step of calling the mobile device by the callback computer further comprises:

calling said number from said switching center.